

**Amendment to the specification**

Please replace paragraph 015 with the following paragraph:

The unthreaded apical portion serves to maintain the implant member in a path following the trajectory of the pilot bore.

Please replace paragraph 021 with the following paragraph:

Figs[[.]], 2 and 2a show an implant member 20 made in accordance with a second preferred embodiment of the invention. Implant member 20 is formed with a head 20a having a cylindrical nose projecting from basal portion 10f and has four spaced apart flats 20b to facilitate driving the member into an osteotomy formed in the cortical bone. It will be understood that the number of flats provided is a matter of choice. A tapered or conical coping receiving surface 20c is formed at the coronal end portion and a bore 20d is formed through the coronal end surface extending along the longitudinal axis 2. The outer portion of bore 20d is threaded and the inner portion 20e may be formed with a non-circular, e.g., hexagonal, portion to facilitate fastening in a bore by means of a latched dental hand piece screw driver. A coping (not shown), typically formed of suitable moldable plastic material to which a temporary prosthesis (not shown) will bond, can be placed on head 20a of several of such implant members for supporting a temporary or permanent prosthesis, being attached by means of threaded pins received

in bore 20d of the implant members. A system of this type is disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 6,325,628, referenced above, the subject matter of which is incorporated herein by this reference. The basal portion 10f and axial length post portion 10a are the same as in the Fig. 1, 1a embodiment to which reference may be had for a description thereof.